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SOURCE:

Rhenium, which is needed by the telecommunication industry in East Germany as contact material and as an alloy for special tungsten, molybdenum, chromium and tantalum, was produced by the Central Laboratory, which is directed by Dr. Schulze (fmu), of the Bitterfeld Electrochemical Combine, and by Dr. Kaiser (fmu), of the Hettstedt Copper and Brass Works. The ores processed come from copper dumps in East Germany and from the Wismut AG, and have a rather low rhenium percentage. The production amounts to about one kg per month. Most of this is sent to Moscow laboratories. A small portion is made available to the laboratory of the Technological Office of the SAG Kabel on Neue Bahnhofstrasse, Berlin-Lichtenberg.

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1. [REDACTED] Comment: Information from another source indicated that a production of 80 kg. of rhenium was planned for 1953 by the VVB zur Produktion von Kupfer und Zink, Mansfeld.

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